

## 2022 CLBC Budget Priorities

*This year the California Legislative Black Caucus advocated fiercely to ensure that institutions and programs that support Black lives, promote justice and provide opportunities for advancement were supported in the process. Most of our efforts were met with great success, particularly for the following institutions and programs:*

### **Colonel Allensworth State Park – FUNDED**

\$40 million for Allensworth, a community of less than 600 people centered around a State Park dedicated to preserving California’s first all-Black community. More than half of the money will build a \$28 million visitor center and other “interpretive enhancements.” The funding requires the California Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct outreach meetings as part of the planning and design of the center and related improvements, including educational amenities, infrastructure and park improvements. The budget also authorizes the department to give “free days” access to the Colonel Allensworth State Park over the next three years.

### **Regional Initiative for Social Enterprises Program- FUNDED**

\$25 million one-time General Fund to provide financial and technical assistance to employment social enterprises to enable them to build their capacity to create and retain jobs in communities. Employment social enterprises are businesses that provide jobs, on-the-job training, and specialized supports to people who face high barriers to work, including people previously incarcerated or homeless, or who have substance use or mental health issues.

### **California African American Museum (CAAM) – FUNDED**

\$15 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Parks and Recreation to partner with the California African American Museum (CAAM) to better tell the inclusive story of black history in state parks. The California African American Museum (CAAM) is governed by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the Governor. CAAM’s mission is to research, collect, preserve, and interpret, for public enrichment, the history, art, and culture of African Americans with an emphasis on California and the western United States.

### **California Black Women’s Think Tank- FUNDED**

\$5 million one-time to California State University, Dominguez Hills, for the creation of the California Black Women’s Think Tank. This public-private partnership will be comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders including public employees, private sector partners, labor representatives, academics, and community voices. The think tank will serve as a forum for leading experts, scholars, and business leaders to participate in public policy discussions and promote ideas that advance Black Californians and California overall.

**UCLA/Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies – FUNDED**

\$5 million one-time to establish and maintain the permanent institutional infrastructure for a series of research projects and institutes dedicated to the study of Black life within California and beyond. As the only Organized Research Unit within the UC system dedicated to the study of Black life, its goal is to build a thriving research consortium that delivers new knowledge derived from faculty-led research into the hands of advocates and policy leaders while also training a new generation of scholars and civic leaders capable of using quantitative and qualitative techniques.

**University of California, Labor Center- FUNDED**

An increase of \$13 million ongoing General Fund to support the operations of existing UC Labor Centers and Occupational Safety and Health Programs, and invest in similar new initiatives throughout the UC system.

**Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program- FUNDED**

\$20 million General Fund in 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 to expand the CASA program capacity, and recruitment and training. There is a large gap between the number of CASA volunteers and the number of children in need of advocacy.

**Child Savings Account– FUNDED**

An increase of \$5 million one-time General Fund for local child savings account programs' outreach and coordination with CalKIDS.

**Assistance for Promise Neighborhoods- FUNDED**

\$12 million one-time General Fund available over three years to support Promise Neighborhoods in Chula Vista, Corning, Hayward, and Mission.

**Hire UP Pilot Program- FUNDED**

An increase of \$30 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to establish the Hire UP Pilot Program to provide stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals, CalWORKS recipients, and former foster youth.

**The City of Compton Artesia Boulevard Bridge-FUNDED**

\$12 million in funding for the Artesia Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project and provide much needed relief for the impacted communities. The Artesia Boulevard Bridge has served as a major corridor to portions of the City of Compton and is currently closed due to structural deficiencies.

**California Science Center Foundation for the Air and Space Center- FUNDED**

\$5 million to fund construction costs to a major educational facility, the Air and Space Center in Los Angeles. In awarding the Shuttle Endeavor to California, NASA catalyzed an explosion of interest in science and space exploration. The final display of the Shuttle Endeavour in a launch position requires a complex building structure, including constructing a 20-story building.

**Exposition Park, Expanded Parking-FUNDED?**

\$500,000 for Exposition Park to conduct a cost-estimate study and feasibility analysis for parking facility enhancements.

**40-Acre Conservation League-FUNDED**

\$3 million for a one-time grant to be allocated by the Wildlife Conservation Board to 40-Acre Conservation League for land conservation, habitat restoration, climate preservation, and wildlife prevention projects.

**Demographic Data Collection-Dollar amount not specified**

The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) will work with the State Controller's Office to establish new demographic categories for the collection of data pertaining to the ancestry or ethnic origin of African American employees beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The collection of this data continues CalHR's duties to maintain statistical information necessary for the evaluation of equal employment opportunity and upward mobility within state civil service, and will be included in the Annual Census of Employees in State Civil Services report released on or after January 1, 2025.

**Internet Crimes Against Children – FUNDED**

\$5 million annually for three years to support the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, which helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and combat underground child pornography rings. This investment maintains the level of state resources provided to this effort in each of the last three years.

**Cayenne Wellness Center- FUNDED**

\$10 million to Cayenne Wellness Center to support education, outreach, mental health, and care-coordinated services for individuals with sickle cell disease.

**Cannabis Tax Reform-?**

Effective July 1, 2022, eliminate the cultivation tax on all harvested cannabis that enters the commercial market; Effective January 1, 2023, shift the point of collection and remittance for excise tax from distribution to retail, maintaining a 15-percent excise tax rate through 2024-25.